THE TOMAHAWK

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DEDICATION

TO MRS. HELEN WOODWORTH:

We, the Senior Class of 1955, are happy and proud to dedicate our annual, the Tomahawk.

Mrs. Woodworth has been with us six years, during which time she has been everyone's friend. Her ready smile has made the school brighter, better, and more enjoyable. As students, we have appreciated the personal interest she has taken in each one of us.

We are proud to dedicate this publication to our friend and teacher, Mrs. Woodworth.

Administration

ANNUAL STAFF

Left to right, Top Row: Merlin Baker, Lyle Anderson, Roger Sweeting, Jim Gahring, Robert Dotson, Earl Eastman. Bottom Row: Garland Lykins, Margaret Sweeting, Pat Humphrey, Mary Lou Seidel, Donna Gullett, Joyce Edwards, Marjorie Cherry, Mrs. Johnson, Helen Light, Jack Sweeting.

CLASS MOTTO

Character is the corner stone of success.

CLASS COLORS

Red and White

CLASS FLOWERS

Red and White Carnations

SCHOOLBOARD

Left to right: Mr. Harold Keiser, Mr. Elroy Walcher, Mrs. Adah Parker, Clerk - Treasurer; Mr. Ralph Gahring, Mr. Philip Lewis, Vice President; Mr. Virgil Giles, President.

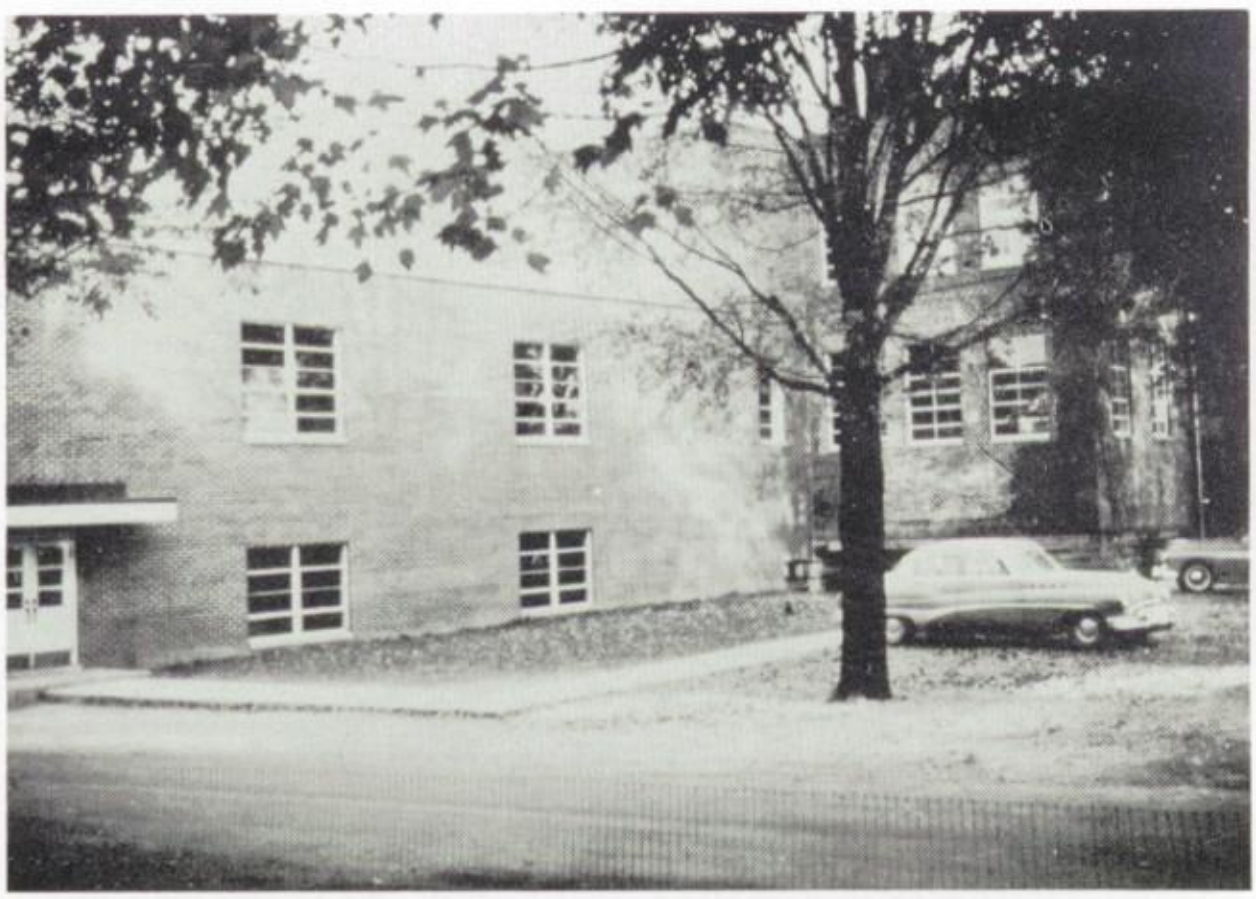
SUPERINTENDENT

Through our four years of high school, we have found Mr. McNutt to be understanding, fair to all, dignified, full of fun, and impartial. We wish him the best of luck in the future.

FACULTY

Left to right, Top Row: Mr. McNutt, Mrs. Reese, Mr. Zarone, Mr. Walters, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Wood, Mr. Kohli, Mrs. Woodworth, Mrs. Johnson. Bottom Row: Mrs. Snavely, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Price, Mrs. McNutt, Mrs. Prater, Mrs. Keiser, Mrs. Hinckley.

SCHOOL BUILDING



We have been very happy here for the last four years. Here we have known many hours of study as well as many hours of fun.

CAFETERIA

MRS. BISHOP, MRS. HERSHIMER.

CUSTODIANS

MR. MAERKISCH

BUS DRIVERS

DICK BARBER, RAY FISHBAUGH, VIRGIL GILES, JR.

Seniors

SENIORS

MRS. WOODWORTH
CLASS ADVISOR

JAMES GAHRING "Jim"
"Oh, well!"
Baskeball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Play 3,4; Annual Staff 4; FFA 2; Chorus 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Student Council 3,4; Track 3; Class Pres. 2, 4; V. Pres. 3; Torchlight Staff 3.

KATHY REED "Kate"
"Better be dead, than out of style."
Chorus 1,3,4; Band 1; Play 3,4; FHA 1,2,3; Annual Staff 4; Torchlight Staff 3; Student Council 3; V. President 4.

MARGARET SWEETING "Marg"
"A friendly smile, a little say,
Can go a long, long way."
FHA 1,2,3,4; FTA 4; FTC Pres. 4; Chorus 3,4; Play 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Class Secretary 3,4; Girls State 3.

LYLE ANDERSON "Andy"
"A little nonsense now and then,
Is relished by the best of men."
Annual Staff 4; Play 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2; Treasurer 4.

MERLIN BAKER "Bake"
"Full of pep and lots of fun;
But he'll be there when there's
work to be done."
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Play 3,4; Student Council 4; Class Treas. 3; Class Pres. 1; Annual Staff 4.

MARJORIE CHERRY "Margie"
"'Tis only one life, 'twill soon be
past;
And only what's for Christ will
last."
V. Pres. 2; Student Council 2; Torchlight Staff 3; Chorus 3,4; Play 3,4; Annual Staff 4; FTA 4.

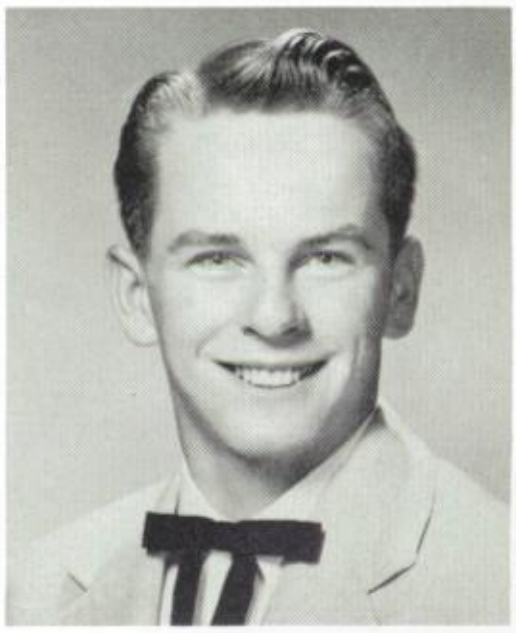
JOYCE EDWARDS "Jo"
"If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try, again."
Play 3,4; FHA 3,4; Annual Staff 4; FTA 4.

BERTRAM BERNER "Bert"
"A smile is worth a thousand frowns
In any market."
Football 3,4; Basketball 2. Play 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 2; Class Treas. 3; Track 2,3; Boys State 3.

ROBERT DOTSON "Bob"
"We don't want him any longer,
he's long enough already "
Baseball 2,4; Play 3,4; Annual Staff 4.

DONNA GULLETT "Gulley"
"I'm fast and snappy, full of fun,
If you catch me, you're going
some."
Chorus 4; Play 3,4; Majorette 3;
Annual Staff 4.

PATRICIA ANN HUMPHREY "Pat"
"Free from worry, free from care,
When she talks, she says her
share."
Band 1,2,3; Chorus 3,4; FHA 1,2,3;
Annual Staff 4; Class Sec. and
Treas. 1; Play 3,4.



EARL EASTMAN "Skip"
"It takes a swift man to cut a dash-
ing figure."
Basketball 1,3,4; Baseball 1,2,4;
Play 3,4; Annual Staff 4.

GARLAND LYKINS "Gaylord"
"I can be serious, I can be funny;
At other times, I try to study."
Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3;
Play 3,4; Track 3; Annual Staff 4;
FFA 1,2,3.

HELEN LIGHT "Helen"
"My appetite grows while eating."
Annual Staff 4; Play 3,4;

JOHN SWEETING "Jack"
"Books and tests don't me annoy;
For I'm a carefree farmer boy."
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Play 3,4; Annual Staff 4; FFA 1,2,3; Track 3.

DAVID WHEELER "Davy"
"Some like English, math or geography, but science is the subject that's for me."

MARY LOU SEIDEL "Lu Lu"
"Lu Lu is witty and clever with oodles of pep;
She is exceedingly capable, just watch her step."
Play 3,4; FHA 1,2,3; Chorus 3,4; Band 1,2,3; Cheerleader 4; Class Sec. and Treas. 2; Annual Staff 4; V. Pres. 1.

ROGER SWEETING "Rog"
"Even tempered, smooth and quiet,
Unruffled by the world's mad riot."
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Play 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Class Pres. 1,3; Boys State 3; Student Council 1,3,4; Torchlight Staff 3.

RUTH ANN WILHELM "Shorty"
"Good things come in small packages."
Chorus 3; FHA 2,3; Cheerleader 2; Play 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4.

CLASS HISTORY

Let's take a voyage through our years in school. In the harbor of the first grade we started with nine members aboard: Helen Light, Kathy Reed, Merlin Baker, Earl Eastman, Mary Lou Seidel, Pat Humphrey, David Wheeler, Roger Sweeting, and Margaret Sweeting, with Mrs. Price as our Captain.

During that entire year we sailed without any changes.

In the second year, however, a new Captain was given to us, Mrs. Rogers.

When we entered the port of the third grade we were pleased to find three new crew members: Lyle Anderson, who came from Litchfield; Jim Gahring, from Norwalk; and Marjorie Cherry, from Steuben. Our Captain had been changed again, this time to Mrs. Willis.

For two years we kept our same Captain and Crew Members.

In port five, Mrs. Tully took over the command.

In the sixth grade another crew member, Bob Dotson, came aboard, along with a new Captain, Mrs. Stevenson.

Fun really began when we started in the seventh grade with more teachers and changing classes. It was in this port that Jack Sweeting came aboard. While docking in Harbor Eight, Donna Gullett came from Willard. We sailed on into Port Freshman where we acquired three new crew members: Garland Lykins, from Steuben; Ruth Ann Wilhelm, from Plymouth; and Joyce Edwards.

This same crew sailed along until this, our Senior year, when Bertram Berner came from Norwalk to complete our crew of nineteen.

As with ships, so with our class. The trips to sea and to different ports must end and each crewman will report to new duties and to new ships. It is our hope that our future cruises will be as interesting and as helpful to ourselves and to others as has been this one of the past twelve years.

CLASS PROPHECY

HELLO THERE!

I'm Kathy Reed, a roving reporter for the New York Herald Tribune. Recently, I was assigned to do a story on small town life; so, I thought I'd do a report on my old home town, North Fairfield, and the kids with whom I went to school.

When I arrived, I noticed how big the town had become. I made my way through the crowded streets to a hotel, and whom should I find managing it but Margaret Sweeting, who had married a businessman in Fairfield, whose name I can't recall, and Jack was married to his schoolday sweetheart, Carol Smith.

I finished unpacking about noon, and, being quite hungry, made my way to the same, but considerably enlarged Village Inn, where I found the proprietors to be none other than Donna Gullett, Mary Lou Seidel, and Pat Humphrey, each of whom had a one-third interest in the establishment. I noticed that the girls' cooking had improved somewhat over the years!

After I finished a most enjoyable lunch, I stopped in at the bank, the name of which had been changed to "The First National Bank of Fairfield." Much to my surprise, I found Merlin Baker to be the president, and Lyle Anderson, the manager. They were both married, and each had a home and family.

I found out by talking to Merlin, that Joyce Edwards had been teaching school in Cleveland and was married to the principal of the school.

Merlin also told me that Jim Gahring had his own carpenter shop in Fairfield and was very prosperous; that Roger Sweeting and Bob Dotson were in partnership, and had recently taken over Reed's Garage, now known as "The Fairfield Center Garage."

As we chatted, more and more of my classmates' names came to mind, so I asked Merlin to "Give me the dope." My notes, which I jotted down hurriedly, showed these facts:

Ruth Ann Wilhelm (as I had suspected) was the bank president's wife and home manager.

Marjorie Cherry was a night nurse at Fairfield City Hospital, and rumor had it that she was up for a promotion. Good work, Marj!!!

Bert Berner was living in the suburbs of Fairfield, close to Norwalk. He had completed law school and was a very prominent lawyer in North Fairfield and Huron County Courts.

Garland Lykins was living in the heart of North Fairfield. There he owned and operated a "hot rod" establishment, where he was building, selling, and repairing hot rods. Merlin stated that Garland was classified as one of the five richest men in North Fairfield.

Helen Light had a great honor bestowed upon her last month, when she was chosen as Fairfield's Shortest Woman for 1965!!! This should be only one of the honors this young lady will receive, for she is to compete in the "Miss America" contest next year!!! Good luck, Helen !!!

"If you want to see a real radio and TV center," added Merlin, "spend a few moments of your stay here in David Wheeler's shop. He's really the authority on these things in this area."

"By the way," I remembered, as I began to put away my ever-faithful pencil, "What's happened to Earl Eastman?" "He's in the courthouse most of the time," replied Merlin. "Just knock on the door that says, 'Mayor'. He'll be glad to recall old times. He's really proving an efficient and progressive leader in our community.

This 'gab' session had been most enjoyable, but, having kept Merlin from his duties for so long a time, I felt I should leave. So, off I went to visit as many of these old classmates as time would permit. After all--there was a 'deadline' to meet!

PET PEEVES

Donna - Cold feet
Mary Lou - People who wear loud perfume
Jack - Loud mouthed people
Kathy - Boys in red convertibles
Margaret - Certain seniors crowding in lunch line
Helen Light - Eugene Sallee
Pat - Nosey poeple
Merlin - Ruth Ann
Ruth Ann - Merlin's teasing
Lyle - People who drive with one hand
Joyce - People that can't take a joke
Jim - WORK
Roger - People who don't like basketball
Earl - Garland
Garland - Earl
Marjorie - Women who smoke
Bob - Gordon Williams
Bert - Teen-agers who smoke and drink
David - Radio's that won't work

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF THE

SENIOR CLASS

OF FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

We, the class of 1955, of Fairfield High School, of the village of North Fairfield, county of Huron, and state of Ohio, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking any will or wills heretofore made by us.

First, we direct that all our just debts and encumbrances be fully paid and satisfied, as soon as conveniently may be, after our departure.

Second, we do give, devise and bequeath unto each of the subsequent, together with all the appurtenances and hereditaments thereof, the following bequests:

Margaret Sweeting wills her ice-skating ability to Sharon Schimpff and Barbara Bordner.

Donna Gullett wills her flirting ability to Helen McPherson.

David Wheeler wills his ability to operate radio to Howard Burwell.

Marjorie Cherry wills her ability to enunciate words clearly to Frances Wilcox.

Joyce Edwards wills her curly hair to Carol Morrow.

Merlin Baker wills his driving ability (?) to Artie Wallrabenstein and Randall Garner.

Ruth Ann Wilhelm wills her ability to grow tall to Ann Phillips and Virginia Purcell.

Lyle Anderson wills his ability to be quiet in class to Frank Risner.

Robert Dotson wills his appendix to the North Fairfield Department of Scientific Research.

Bertram Berner wills his regular attendance at school to Henry Cole and Jim Houghtlen.

Garland Lykins wills his curly hair to Homer Sands.

Kathy Reed wills her ability to write shorthand to Nadine Baker and Joan Noftz.

Earl Eastman wills his ability to keep quiet to Gordon Williams.

Roger Sweeting wills his ability to leave girls alone to Walter Wilhelm.

Helen Light wills her ability to learn Spanish to Phyllis Farrington.

Pat Humphrey wills her ability to crochet a mile-a-minute to Joyce Coleman.

Mary Lou Seidel wills her ability to keep secrets to Ed Woodworth.

Jack Sweeting wills all his love to Carol Smith.

Jim Gahring wills the Senior Class Presidency to any unsuspecting junior.

Last, but by no means least, we will a sizable amount of good will, friendship and a spirit of loyalty and cooperation to the time-honored student body, to the faculty, and to the other administrative units of dear, old Fairfield High, in order that her standards of scholarship and citizenship may be raised still higher.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the CLASS OF 1955, the testator, have set our hand and seal hereto this twenty-seventh day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

THE CLASS OF 1955 (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for their last will and testament by the CLASS OF 1955, the above-named testator, in the presence of us, who, at our request and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses on the day and year last aforesaid.

Lyle Anderson

Donna Sullivan

Kathy Reed

Ruth Ann Wilhelm

Earl Eastman

Bert Berner

Gordon

Jim Gahring

Roger Sweeting

Marjorie Cherry

Barbara Lybarger

Mary Lou Seidel

Merlin Baker

Joyce Edwards

Helen Light

Margaret Sweeting

David Wheeler

JUNIOR SENIOR PROM

On May 1, 1954, at Fairfield High School, a well-planned Prom was given in honor of the Seniors of 1954.

We, the Juniors, used the theme, "The Little Dutch Garden." In keeping with this theme, nut cups became miniature windmills, and the center of the gym floor took on the form of a rock garden full of many-colored tulips. Small white picket fences, lined with grass and more tulips, separated the dining and dancing areas.

Following an excellent turkey dinner, entertainment was provided by the Stower Sisters, Webster Flemming, and Moss and Conaway.

Dancing completed the evening's program.

Underclassmen

JUNIOR CLASS

Left to right, top row: Mr. Zarone, Joyce Coleman, Howard Burwell, Carol Smith, Frank Risner, Joan Noftz, Walter Wilhelm. Left to right, second row: Carol Morrow, Gordon Williams, Randall Garner, Ann Phillips. Left to right, third row: Artie Wallrabenstein, Frances Wilcox, Nadine Baker, Virginia Purcell. Left to right, fourth row: Phyllis Farrington, Barbara Bordner, Helen McPherson, Barbara Predieri, Sharon Schimpff. Not in picture: Henry Cole, Homer Sands, Ed Woodworth, J. Houghten.

CLASS OFFICERS

Pres.-Nadine Baker
V. Pres.-Walter Wilhelm
Sec.-Barbara Bordner

The highlights of our junior year have been: Our class rings, the Junior Play, and the Junior-Senior Prom.

We have worked hard this year to make enough money for the Prom. Our main source of income has been our refreshment concessions.

Other means of raising money have been: A dance, a bake sale, and the Junior Play.

Our junior year has been WORK, but with the WORK came FUN and PLEASURE, and best of all, the JOY of WORKING TOGETHER for a COMMON PURPOSE.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Left to right, top row: Mr. Cunningham, Kay Hinckley, Roger Carnahan, Ellen Eastman, Gerald Palm, Mary Minniear, Roger McIntyre. Left to right, second row: Karen Burras, Tom Signs, Bill Honaker, Donna Coats. Left to right, third row: Roger Chase, Audrey Wheeler, Robert Wilhelm, Frances Garner, Harley Reed, Suzanne Gahring, Lowell Brown. Left to right, fourth row: Gale Dotson, Richard Conaway, Bertha Jean Deruy, Larry Coy, Leota Atherton, Jimmy Sweeting, Wayne Lewis.

CLASS OFFICERS

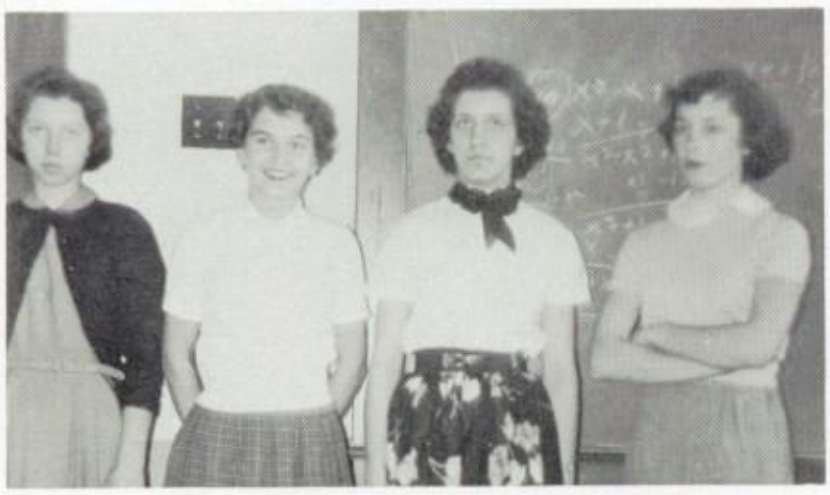
Pres.-Jim Sweeting
V. Pres.-Donna Coats
Sec.-Bertha Jean DeRuy
Treas.-Karen Burras

Our sophomore activities for the school year consisted of the following: A bake sale, held at Norwalk last October; a Christmas party, held at Jim Sweeting's home during the holiday season; and a spring dance, held at the school auditorium in April.

On the whole, the past year has been a successful and a happy one for the sophomores.

FRESHMAN CLASS

Left to right, top row: Mrs. Johnson, Tommy Zeigler, Rosetta Green, Ralph Cherry, Karla Rice, Jerry Sweeting, Betty Honaker, Bobby Osborn, Shirley Houghtlen. Left to right, second row: Clarence Ward, Phyllis Lykins, Ronnie Rice, Benedict Phillips, Shirley Garner, Douglas Thorne. Left to right, third row: Anna Osborn, Mike Sanders, Mary Irvin, Tom Jordan, Ruth Graham, Larry Swanders, Martha Harris, Danny Schimpff, Georgie Baker. Left to right, fourth row: Audrey Coats, Eldon Lykins, Donna Phillips, Darryl Edwards, Margie Gullett, Ronnie Chase, Clifton Light. Not in picture: Wayne Bond, Janice Rowe, Wayne Hammond.



CLASS OFFICERS

Pres.-Shirley Garner
V. Pres.-Phyllis Lykins
Sec.-Donna Phillips
Treas.-Margie Gullett

First and foremost on our School Calendar for the past year was the FRESHMAN INITIATION, when we had to portray comic characters. The evening of the initiation, THE SENIORS gave us a party. At the party, we played games, while THE SENIORS served cider and donuts.

The freshmen held a class meeting just before the holidays, and a bake sale. At Christmas, we received treats from the Student Council and exchanged gifts.

EIGHTH GRADE

Left to right, first row: Mrs. Rees, Ronald Schimpff, Teddy Gullett, Reginald Phillips, Judy Graham, David Williams, Helen Woodworth, Leo Dotson, Donna Vogel. Left to right, second row: Hobert Williams, Alice Atherton, LeRoy Foster, Robert Smith, Joyce Pengov, Jerry Giles. Left to right, third row: Deanna Burwell, Paul McIntyre, Sandra Dendinger, Jeanette Gordon, Patty White, Deanna Parker, Betty Jo Farrington, Margaret McPherson, Janice Lykins. Left to right, fourth row: Harry Lee, Bonnie Purcell, Ramona Swanders, Joan Walcher, Dian Earl, Alice Bistline, Gladys Berner. Not in picture: Margaret Harris, Shirley Ann Welch.

We elected the following officers at the beginning of the school year:

President-Teddy Gullett
Vice President-Leo Dotson
Secretary-Janice Lykins
Treasurer-Dian Earl

The seventh and eighth grades enjoyed a Hallowe'en Party in the school auditorium, Friday evening, October 22, 1954.

An exchange of gifts followed the special Christmas Program, the afternoon of December 22.

An Oyster-Chili Supper was served to the public, the evening of February 19, 1955. This was followed by an exhibition of calisthenics

SEVENTH GRADE

Left to right, top row: Mrs. Hinckley, Tom Bond, Janice Osborn, Jim Palm, Janice Coleman, Dalton Biller, Anna Belle Rowe, Albert Conaway. Left to right, second row: Jim Westerman, Kathleen Meyers, Gary Wilcox, Jeanine Trembley, Dick Garner, Margaret Minniear. Left to right, third row: Kathy Lewis, Van Woodworth, Patty Wallrabenstein, Robert Houghtlen, Connie Hoyt, Larry Christie, Kathleen McNutt, Lamar Phillips. Left to right, fourth row: Dale Biller, Linda Rice, Tommy Resor, Margaret Phillips. Not in picture: Richard Bistline, Naomi Jewell, Paul Parker, Barbara Ruggles.

We elected the following officers at the beginning of the school year:

President-Kathleen McNutt
Vice President-Gary Wilcox
Secretary-Patty Wallrabenstein
Treasurer-Van Woodworth
Reporters-Dick Bistline
Barbara Ruggles

and tumbling by Joe Kotys, a member of the 1948 and '52 Olympic Gymnastic Team, and several of our students.

A new feature of entertainment was the Junior High Spring Hop, which was held in the school auditorium in April. The music was furnished by an orchestra, composed of several parents of the students.

SIXTH GRADE

Left to right, top row: Mr. Walters, M. Phillips, J. Morrow, D. Berner, L. Baker, L. Parker, N. Myers, D. Williams. Second row: M. Atherton, B. Chupp, P. Houghtlen, D. Trushel, B. Craft, R. Dendinger. Third row: B. Farrington, M. McPherson, L. Stoneham, L. Jewell, L. Coats, L. Coy, J. Pengov, C. Schimpff. Fourth row: D. Cook, S. Swanders, H. Hall, P. Skinn, K. Grooks. Not in Picture: B. Honaker, B. Risner.

ROOM MOTHERS

Mrs. Morrow Mrs. Raymond Baker

ACTIVITIES: A Christmas Party; a Hallowe'en Party; birthday treats; prizes for magazine sales; a class picnic in the spring.

FIFTH GRADE

Left to right, top row: Mrs. Keiser, J. Farrington, C. Chup, J. Hintz, M. Wade, J. Whitright, M. Chisholm, R. Hathaway, L. Irvin. Second row: J. Giles, B. Bennett, D. White, M. Atherton, R. Baxter, F. Anderson. Third row: E. McPherson, E. Funk, J. Chase, P. Craft, J. Christie, R. McDaniel, J. Skinn, J. Earl, G. Phillips. Fourth row: J. Baker, E. Foster, J. Baumeyer, K. Reilly, B. Purcell, J. Graham, R. Houghtlen, T. Cook, R. Berner.

ROOM MOTHERS

Mrs. Writwright Mrs. Baumeyer

ACTIVITIES: Geography - exhibits and map construction. American History - units supplemented by appropriate song and folk dances. English and speech - first-hand experience with wire recorder. Social - various Holiday programs and spring activity trip.

FOURTH GRADE

Left to right, top row: Mrs. Prater, L. Houghtlen, P. Signs, H. Hall, M. Morrow, R. Schaffer, V. Wilcox, T. Walcher. Second row: J. McFarlin, R. Parker, A. Lewis, K. Wilkin, C. Light, S. Bauman. Third row: P. Honaker, N. Walcher, M. Gahring, J. Hoyt, C. Minniear, C. Sweeting, J. Lykins, N. Robinson. Fourth row: L. Dendinger, C. Lather, C. Burras, S. Purcell, M. Rosales.

HOME ROOM MOTHERS
Mrs. Fred Seidel Mrs. Elroy Walcher

We have enjoyed our year very much, making gifts for our mothers; putting on Christmas and other programs, and field trips.

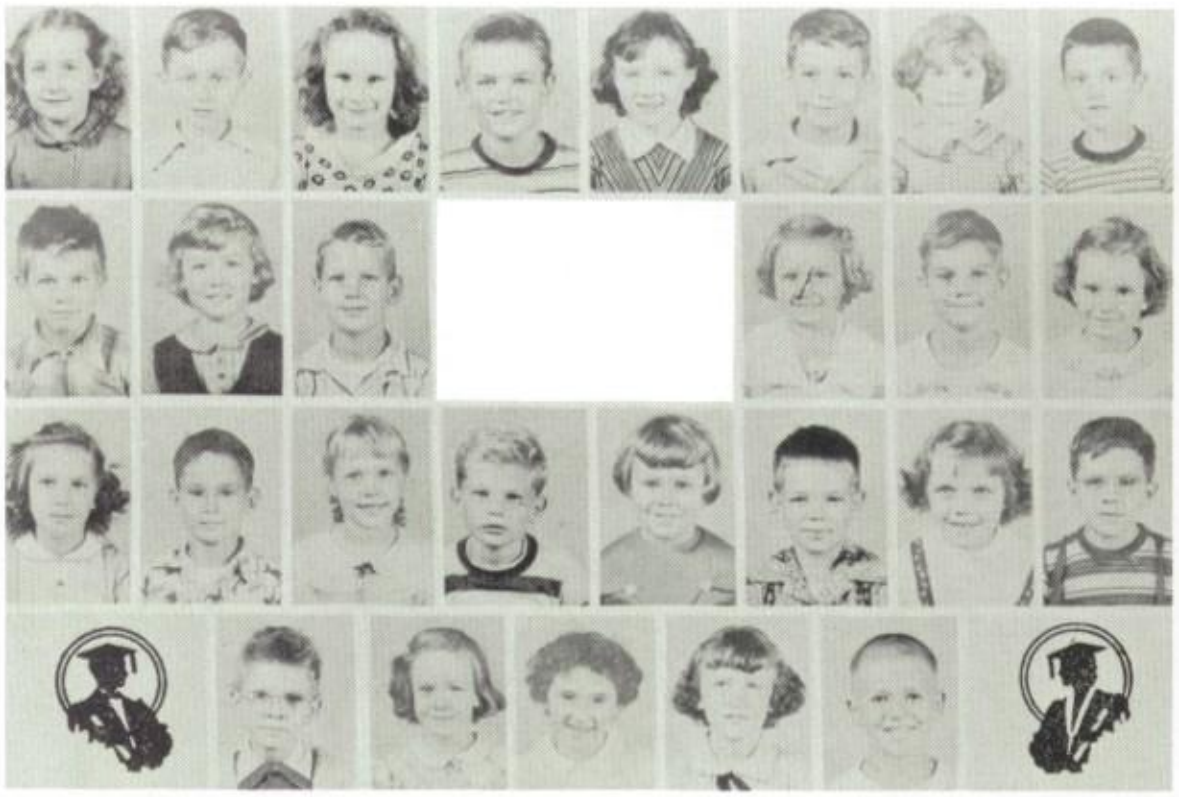
THIRD GRADE

Left to right, top row: Mrs. McNutt, G. McNutt, C. Carnahan, R. Shauck, J. Jewell, H. Schimpff, J. Keefer, A. Parrot. Second row: J. Burwell, J. Garner, A. Walcher, K. Wheeler, J. Bennett, C. Reilley. Third row: P. Funk, R. O'Dell, B. Baxter, J. Ryerson, N. Purcell, D. Edwards, V. Wilken, D. Bistline. Fourth row: C. Boice, M. Houghtlen, H. Rowe, A. Ross, S. Bauman. Not in picture: M. Risner.

HOME ROOM MOTHERS
Mrs. Wilken Mrs. Edwards

Interesting things done were: Visiting the Post Office on an English Project; making a Thanksgiving Mural and Christmas gifts for our parents; receiving new library books.

SECOND GRADE



Left to right, top row: E. Chase, B. Thurston, E. Eastman, E. White, N. LaRonda, D. Sengstock, P. Rice, J. Moser. Second row: P. Hall, K. Keiser, J. Rang, J. Hintz, K. Robinson, J. McPherson. Third row: J. Baker, M. Baker, P. Schlenbaker, L. Bower, L. Myers, S. Lockyer, C. Moser, R. Souslen. Fourth row: G. McPherson, D. Berner, C. Shauck, N. Walcher, G. Moser. Not in the picture: L. Fishbaugh.

HOME ROOM MOTHERS
Mrs. Rang Mrs. Sengstock

Interesting things done: Visited library in September; enjoyed Hallowe'en, Christmas, and Valentine Parties; and rainy-day entertainment from interesting books and games received from the Legion Auxiliary.

FIRST GRADE

Left to right, top row: Mrs. Ross, D. Miller, N. Reilly, J. Cook, V. Purcell, R. Fife, L. Hinckley, K. Williams, P. Ruggles, J. Trushel. Second row: G. Ebinger, C. Fishbaugh, B. Moser, B. Eyler, J. Underwood, L. Coats. Third row: J. La Ronde, J. Walcher, S. Reilly, B. White, C. Lather, W. Sexton. Fourth row: C. Wheeler, J. Gahring, R. Biller, K. Parrott, S. Immel, D. Sexton, D. Wilcox, P. Keefer, B. O'Dell, D. Stoneham. Fifth row: L. McIntyre, H. Myers, G. Eastman. Not in picture: D. Wilken, M. Chapman, D. Wilson.

HOME ROOM MOTHERS
Mrs. Ralph Walcher Mrs. McIntyre

The first grade has enjoyed a very busy year studying, and having parties at Hallowe'en, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and at Easter, given to us by our home room mothers.

Activities

SPRING PLAY

"DON'T TAKE MY PENNY"

CAST

Sally--the maid . . . . Ruth Ann Wilhelm
Norman Porter--publicity man. . .
Garland Lykins
Penny--pretty little miss . . Kathy Reed
Caleb--her absorbed father . . . . .
Jack Sweeting
Mark---her farm-minded brother. . .
Merlin Baker
Mavis--her attractive sister . . . . . .
Pat Humphrey
Lydia--her busy mother. . . . . .
Marjorie Cherry
Joanna-her loyal girl friend. . . . . .
Margaret Sweeting
Kerry--her resourceful boy friend. . .
Jim Gahring
Greg---his pal with ideas . . . . . .
Roger Sweeting
Gram--just herself. . . . Joyce Edwards
Monsieur Henri-french designer. . . .
Bob Dotson
Claire) . . . . . Mary Lou Seidel
Elsie)--pretty young models. . . . . .
Donna Gullett
Lucile) . . . . . Helen Light
Red---delivery boy. . . . .Earl Eastman
Harrison Day-young author. . . . .
Lyle Anderson

A pretty, pert teenager, Penny Pringle, reads in the newspaper that a young author is coming to Glen City to hunt for the perfect girl to play the part of Dimity West. Penny becomes enthused and drops everything but the idea of being Dimity West.

There has also been a scheme between Norman Porter and the maid, Sally, to make an attempt to better Sally's chances of being chosen as Dimity West. However, Sally loses interest in the plan, when she and Mark become interested in each other.

Penny's boy friend, Kerry, tried his best to encourage Penny to give up the play idea and participate in the tennis tournament with him. Kerry and his pal, Greg, put their heads together, with the result that Kerry imitates Harrison Day.

Mavis, Penny's attractive sister, who is a radio announcer, finally ends up by being Dimity West. Penny finds that Kerry and the tennis tournament are more important to her than acting.

FALL PLAY

"MONEY MAD"

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Cora Blakely--his wife . . . . . Marjorie Cherry
Janet Blakely--). . . . . Kathy Reed
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Babs Blakely--). . . . Ruth Ann Wilhelm
Larry Hobson--his next door neighbor.. Jack Sweeting
Maude Hobson--his wife. Joyce Edwards
Keith Hobson)-. . . . . Lyle Anderson
his sons. . .
Rickey Hobson)- . . . . . Merlin Baker
Effie Fuggle)--. . . . . Donna Gullett
)--part-time domestic help
Maggie Murphy)-- . . . . . .Helen Light
Mr. Grant---business man. . . . . Roger Sweeting
Tony Smellero---a fish peddler. . . . . Merlin Baker
Jimmy Collins)--. . . . . Earl Eastman
Eddie Brock)--. . . . . Bob Dotson
Bob Turner)--Bab's high school gang.
) Garland Lykins
Gloria Horton)--. . . Margaret Sweeting
Alma Gilmore)--. . . . Mary Lou Seidel
Dotty Regan)--. . . . . Pat Humphrey

Two families lived side by side. The money-mad fathers invested their children's educational funds in property, thereby causing a feud between the two families, including the maids.

The children, Janet and Keith, showed their paretns how to handle financial matters to such an extent that the original investment turned out to be successful. Not only were the two families on good terms again, but Janet and Keith were able to go to college as they had planned.

The feuding of the maids, Rickey's pestering antics, and the gang's "stunt night" rehearsal added plenty of spice to the neighborly disagreement.

Meanwhile, however, each family had decided to sell its house to the fish peddler, Tony. By accident, the two families found out about each other's plans, and the feud started all over again.

BAND

Left to right, top row: Larry Lee, Leo Dotson, Roger McIntyre, Roger Sweeting, Jim Gahring, Edwin Woodworth, Paul McIntyre, Bobby Smith. Left to right, second row: Carol Morrow, Karen Burras, Kay Hinckley, Carol Smith, Ann Phillips, Barbara Bordner, Joyce Coleman, Sharon Schimpff, Mr. Kohli. Left to right, third row: Patty White, Bertha Jean Deruy, Suzanne Gahring, Nadine Baker, Frances Garner, Kathleen McNutt, Mary Wade.

The band played a concert of marches at the Huron County Fair in September, participated in the Halloween Parade for children in October, and presented a concert for the PTA in November.

The band also furnished the music, and presented a half-time show at the Alumni, Wakeman, Milan, Greenwich and New Haven games, respectively.

In addition to the above activities, the band contributed the following: The Spring Concert, March 8; the County Festival, March 18; and the annual Memorial Day Parade, May 30.

CHORUS

The Girls' Chorus participated in the Christmas program; the Spring Concert, March 8; the County Festival, March 18; and the Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises.

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS

Left to right, top row: Bertha Jean Deruy, Karen Burras, Donna Gullett, Carol Smith, Ann Phillips, Helen McPherson, Donna Phillips, Mary Lou Seidel. Left to right, second row: Margaret Sweeting, Frances Garner, Frances Wilcox, Marjorie Cherry, Georgie Baker, Marjorie Gullett, Barbara Predieri, Audrey Wheeler, Audrey Coats, Martha Harris, Mr. Kohli. Left to right, third row: Phyllis Farrington, Joan Noftz, Nadine Baker, Kay Hinckley, Joyce Coleman, Carol Morrow, Janice Row. Not in picture: Pat Humphrey, Kathy Reed.

JUNIOR HIGH CHORUS

Left to right, top row: Dick Garner, Larry Christy, Robert Smith, Larry Lee, Leo Dotson, Tom Resor, Paul McIntyre, David Williams, LeRoy Foster, Hobert Williams, Jerry Giles, Ronald Schimpff, Reginald Phillips, Paul Paker, Bob Houghlon, Van Woodworth, Jimmy Palm, Mr. Kohli. Left to right, second row: Kathy Lewis, Kathleen McNutt, Connie Hoyt, Linda Rice, Sandy Dendinger, Dian Earl, Joyce Pengov, Joan Walcher, Margaret Phillips, Donna May Vogel, Jeannette Gordon, Deanna Parker, Janice Lykins, Teddy Gullett, Betty Farrington, Margaret Minniear. Left to right, third row: Margaret McPherson, Patty Wallrabenstein, Jimmy Westerman, Deanna Burwell, Betty McFarlin, Helen Woodworth, Patty White, Alice Atherton, Gladys Berner, Margaret Harris.

THE TORCHLIGHT

STAFF

Left to right, first row: Phyllis Farrington, Ann Phillips, Barbara Bordner, Helen McPherson, Barbara Predieri.
Left to right, second row: Donna Coats, Randall Garner, Carol Morrow.

The "Torchlight" Staff of 1954-55 has tried to keep you readers informed as to the weekly occurrences at Fairfield Local High School.

We have enjoyed working together, to bring to you a monthly edition of the "Torchlight."

STUDENT COUNCIL

Standing, Left to right: Kathleen McNutt, Jim Gahring, Merlin Baker, Mr. Wood (Advisor), Howard Burwell, Jim Sweeting, Roger Sweeting, Ted Gullett. Seated, Left to right: Nadine Baker, Joan Noftz, Donna Coats, Shirley Garner, Phyllis Lykins.

ACTIVITIES: The Student Council wrote a constitution; sponsored a Christmas party; a dance, following the Alumni game; and four assembly programs, including the Ford Circus, and the Allens, who illustrated radio sound effects.

F.H.A.

Left to right, top row: Jeannette Gordon, Donna May Vogel, Joan Walcher, Dian Earl, Sandra Dendinger, Helen Woodworth, Patty White, Betty McFarlin, Donna Phillips, Karla Rice, Deanna Burwell, Margaret Sweeting, Betty Honaker. Left to right, second row: Mrs. Rees, Betty Farrington, Teddy Gullett, Bertha Jean Deruy, Karen Burras, Joyce Pengov, Suzanne Gahring, Phyllis Farrington, Joyce Coleman, Joyce Edwards, Connie Hoyt, Leota Atherton, Kathy Lewis, Margaret Minniear. Left to right, third row: Deanna Parker, Kathleen McNutt, Kay Hinckley, Ellen Eastman, Audrey Wheeler, Mary Minniear, Donna Coats, Georgie Baker.

ACTIVITIES: The FHA girls held their informal initiation, October 26; their Formal Initiation of Candidates, February 1; sponsored a public dance, February 11, 1955; and a summer picnic.

P.T.A.

Mr. Harol Keiser, receiving the McCalls' award from Mr. J. A. Greulich.

Mrs. Douglas Bauman, Sec.-Treas. Mr. Sherwood Dendinger, Pres.

ACTIVITIES: The PTA program this year has been a study-type program, covering a wide range of topics; i.e., from SCHOOLS FULFILLING THEIR PURPOSE, to CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

F.T.A.

Left to right, first row: Helen McPherson, Donna Coats, Marjorie Cherry, Frances Wilcox, Mr. McNutt.
Left to right, second row: Kay Hinckley, Carol Morrow, Margaret Sweeting, Carol Smith, Ann Phillips.

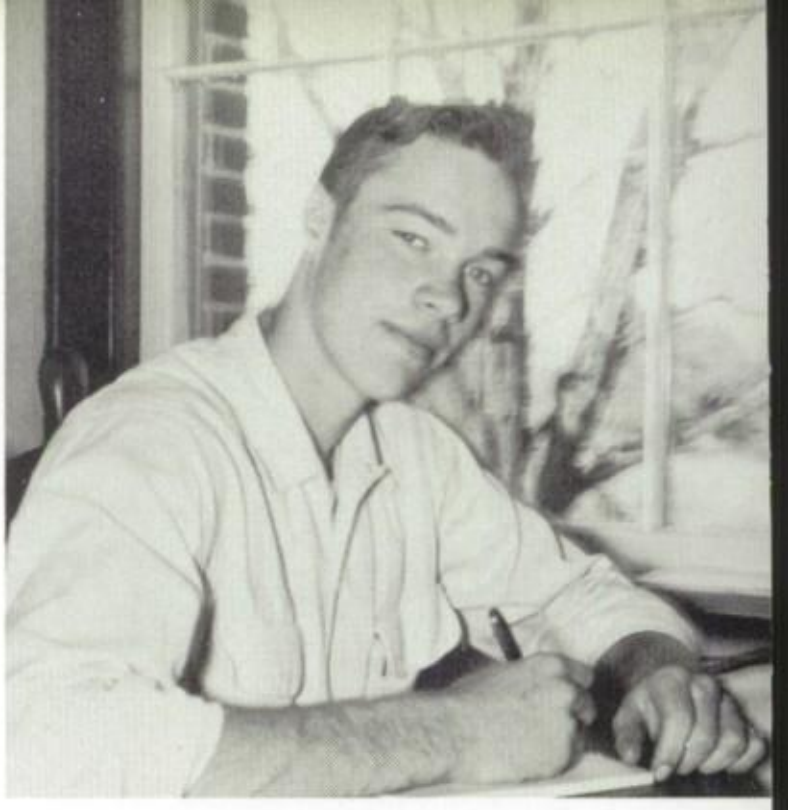
ACTIVITIES: The Future Teachers of America have had an enjoyable year. On November 2, a number of our group went to the Benedict School at Norwalk, to hear a lecture given there by a girl, about her European trip, and to view several slides illustrating this trip, shown by her. At intervals throughout the year, we have also had some interesting and enlightening talks given by various faculty members, concerning their actual experiences while at college or "on the job." The FTA has proven to be most worthwhile.

"School Board"-Left to right: Bert Berner; Donna Gullett; Sec.-Clerk; Bob Dotson; Lyle Anderson; Ruth Ann Wilhelm; Merlin Baker.

STUDENT DAY

NOVEMBER

10, 1954



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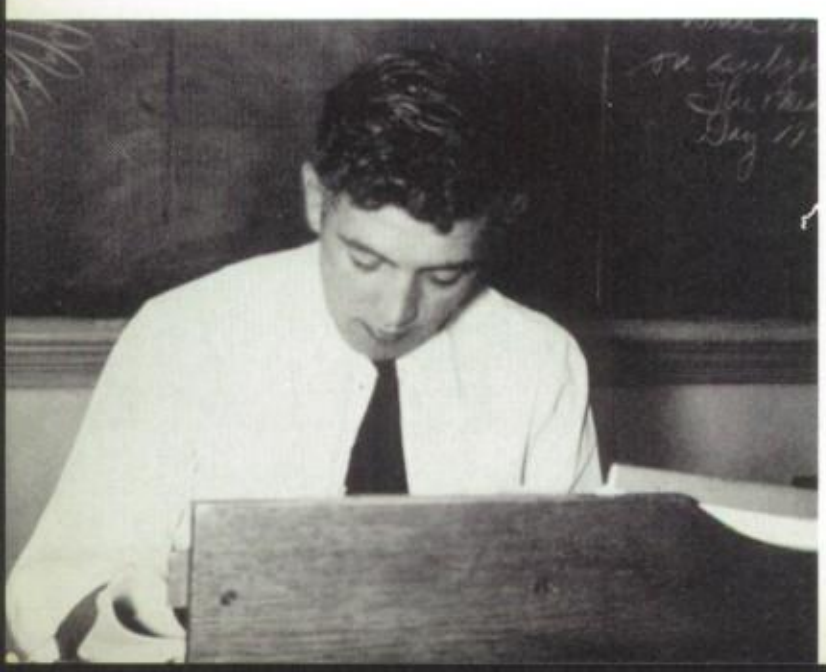

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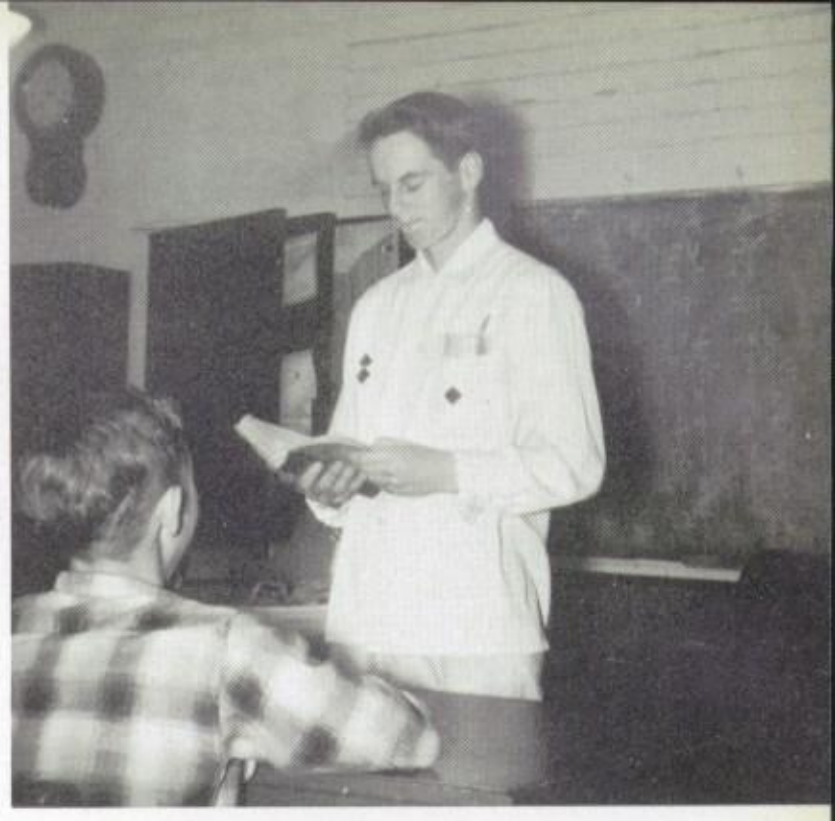

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Physical Education
Home Economics

Miss Mary Lou Seidel
Office Secretary

Miss Kathy Reed
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Miss Helen Light
Hall Supervisor

STUDENT DAY was a great experience for the student body in general, and for the Seniors in the American Democracy Class in particular, because it broadened our understanding of the manner in which a public school is conducted.

HOMECOMING

THE QUEEN AND HER COURT

THE CROWNING OF THE QUEEN

THE QUEEN ON HER THRONE

The Homecoming Game and Dance, held Friday, January 7, was a grand success. Queen for the night was Ruth Ann Wilhelm. Her attendants were Mary Lou Seidel and Joan Noftz. Royalty was elected by the varsity basketball team.

Queen Ruth Ann was escorted to the throne and crowned by Roger Sweeting, Captain of the Basketball Team. The Queen's attendants, Mary Lou Seidel and Joan Noftz, were escorted by Jim Gahring and Merlin Baker.

The affair, an annual event of North Fairfield High School, was sponsored by the Student Council.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

Left to right, top row: Mr. Zarone, coach, Jack Sweeting, Henry Cole, Roger Sweeting, Jim Gahring, Bill Honaker. Bottom row: Eddie Woodworth, Richard Conaway, Randall Garner, Earl Eastman.

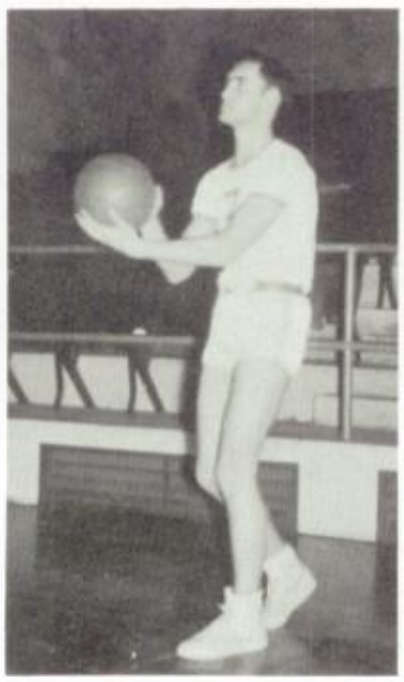
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE WE	SCORE THEY
Nov. 12	Thompson	53	44
Nov. 13	Ruggles-Troy	52	63
Nov. 19	Wakeman	49	50
Nov. 20	Plymouth	88	38
Nov. 23	Berlin Heights	67	55
Dec. 3	Milan	62	54
Dec. 4	Greenwich	70	91
Dec. 10	Monroeville	56	58
Dec. 17	New Haven	56	62
Dec. 18	Ruggles-Troy	79	63
Jan. 7	Alumni	75	46
Jan. 14	Wakeman	63	39
Jan. 21	Berlin Heights	53	62
Jan. 28	Milan	59	62
Feb. 4	Greenwich	41	63
Feb. 5	Monroeville	51	67
Feb. 11	New Haven	36	51
Feb. 18	New London	44	49

VARSITY SNAPS

Jim Gahring

Roger Sweeting, Captain

Jack Sweeting



Henry Cole

Earl Eastman

Merlin Baker

Richard Conaway

Randall Garner

Eddie Woodworth

RESERVE BASKETBALL

Left to right, top row: Mr. Zarone, coach, Mike Sanders, Wayne Lewis, Jerry Sweeting, Bill Honaker, Darryl Edwards, Tom Signs, Danny Schimpff, Ralph Cherry. Bottom row: Jimmy Sweeting, Robert Wilhelm, Artie Wallrabenstein, Eddie Woodworth, Walter Wilhelm. Center front: Tommy Zeigler.

DATE		OPPONENT	SCORE WE	THEY
Nov.	12	Thompson	32	26
	13	Ruggles-Troy	36	40
	19	Wakeman	31	27
	20	Plymouth	29	38
	23	Berlin Heights	25	31
Dec.	3	Milan	44	37
	4	Greenwich	49	29
	10	Monroeville	40	45
	17	New Haven	42	27
	18	Ruggles-Troy	29	37
Jan.	7	Alumni	24	42
	14	Wakeman	47	35
	21	Berlin Heights	28	19
	28	Milan	35	42
Feb.	4	Greenwich	27	21
	5	Monroeville	41	38
	11	New Haven	21	24
	18	New London	22	38

BASEBALL

Left to right, top row: Tom Zeigler, Jim Sweeting, Ed Woodworth, Merlin Baker, Jerry Sweeting, Artie Wallrabenstein, Wayne Lewis, Bill Honaker. Bottom row: Tom Jordan, Manager, Richard Conaway, Randall Garner, Henry Cole, Roger Sweeting, Jim Gahring, Jack Sweeting, Earl Eastman, Mr. Zarone, Coach.

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	
		WE	THEY
Sept. 22	Monroeville	8	3
27	New Haven	19	2
29	New Haven	5	2
Oct. 4	Greenwich	3	1

CHEERLEADERS

VARSITY

Left to right: Mary Lou Seidel, Nadine Baker, Frances Garner.

RESERVE

Left to right: Bertha Jean Deruy, Donna Phillips, Karen Burras.

BASKETBALL

Left to right, top row: Leo Dotson, Tommy Risor, David Williams, Leroy Foster, Hobart Williams, Paul McIntyre, Jerry Giles. Middle row: Larry Christie, Paul Parker, Ronny Schimpff, Larry Lee, Dalton Biller, Tom Bond, Dale Biller, Gary Wilcox, Mr. Zarone, coach. Bottom row: Jimmy Westerman, Dickie Garner, Albert Conaway, Reginal Phillips, Bobby Houghtlen, Bobby Smith, Van Woodworth, Jimmy Palm.

SOFTBALL

Left to right, top row: Mr. Zarone, coach, Leo Dotson, Dalton Biller, David Williams, Leroy Foster, Hobart Williams, Paul McIntyre, Jerry Giles, Bobby Smity. Front row: Jimmy Westerman, Van Woodworth, Bobby Houghtlen, Dick Garner, Reginal Phillips, Larry Christie, Paul Parker, Lamarr Phillips, Albert Conaway.

JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Date		Opponent	Score	
			We	They
December	2	New London	58	9
December	9	Lyme	39	13
December	16	Greenwich	46	33
January	6	Townsend	16	39
January	13	Ripley	19	16
January	27	New Haven	14	18

CHEERLEADERS

Left to right: Margaret Phillips, Helen Woodworth, Patty White, Kathleen McNutt.

SOFTBALL

September	30	Greenfield	Lost
October	7	Townsend	Won
October	21	Bronson-Norwalk	Won
October	28	Lyme	Won

The Junior High Softball Team enjoyed a successful season, winning three games and losing one. All the members are looking forward to the opening of the spring season.

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NAME	ADDRESS
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Roberta Cherry	North Fairfield, Ohio
Eugene Sands	Rantoul, Illinois
Barbara Chandler	Midland, Michigan
Larry Brown	North Fairfield, Ohio
Julia Sweeting	Bowling Green, Ohio
Margaret Seidel	North Fairfield, Ohio
John Holden	Bellville, Illinois
Vaughn Fife	North Fairfield, Ohio
Barbara Conaway	North Fairfield,Ohio
William Pierce	Norwalk, Ohio
Annabelle Chase	North Fairfield, Ohio
James Hite	Wakeman, Ohio
Folly Phillips	North Fairfield, Ohio
Yvonne Burras	North Fairfield, Ohio
Juanita Smith	North Fairfield, Ohio
Russell Conaway	North Fairfield, Ohio
1953	
Cynthia Jones Brown	Norfolk, Va.
Elden Eastman	Lorton, Va.
Marvin Wheeler	North Fairfield, Ohio
Ruth Sheets Seidel	North Fairfield, Ohio
Lucy Atherton	North Fairfield, Ohio
Hannelore Neldert	Bremen, Germany
LaDonna Garner	North Fairfield, Ohio
Thomas Clemons	Oxford, Ohio
Audrey Cook	North Fairfield, Ohio
Mildred Cole	North Fairfield, Ohio
Anthony Predieri	Willard, Ohio
Nancy Gahring	North Fairfield, Ohio
1952	
Haldon Smith	Japan
Roger Hershiser	North Fairfield, Ohio
Helen Swaney	North Fairfield, Ohio
Vaughn Baker	North Fairfield, Ohio
Phyllis Edwards Snapp	North Fairfield, Ohio
Margaret Risner Kesler	Willard, Ohio
Betty Woodworth Smith	Fairbanks, Alaska
Roger Graham	North Fairfield, Ohio
John Leak	Guam
James Wade	North Fairfield, Ohio
Phyllis Minniear Reiderman	Willard, Ohio
1951	
Vilda Beckwith Eastman	Lorton, Va.
Robert Wade	North Fairfield, Ohio
Betty Osborn Wade	North Fairfield, Ohio
Roberta Garner Knudson	New London, Ohio
Julia Predieri Danhoff	Shelby, Ohio
Bernard Maerkisch	North Fairfield, Ohio
Shirley Swaney Seville	North Fairfield, Ohio
Samuel Risner	Texas
Keith Bischoff	Columbus, Ohio
Donald Smith	Fairbanks, Alaska
1950	
Robert Deruy	New Haven, Ohio
Joseph Holden	Columbus, Ohio
Margaret Lee	North Fairfield, Ohio
Joan Minniear Bond	North Fairfield, Ohio
Norma Conaway Rang	Texas
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